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NIXON - GERMAN BY CHRIS CATLIN

BONN, JUNE 10, -- SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER EMBARKS ON MORE "WHISTLE STOP" DIPLOMACY TOMORROW WITH A VISIT TO THE WEST GERMAN TOWN OF BAD REICHENHALL FOR TALKS WITH BONN'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER.

THE MEETING, DUE TO LAST TWO HOURS, WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE KIND OF TRANSATLANTIC CONSULTATION --

PARTICULARLY ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES -- WHICH WASHINGTON COMPLAINED WAS LACKING EARLIER THIS YEAR.

A WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THERE WOULD BE DISCUSSION OF BROAD WORLD ISSUES RATHER THAN FINER DETAILS. IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME MR. GENSCHER HAS MET DR. KISSINGER SINCE TAKING OVER AS FOREIGN MINISTER THREE WEEKS AGO.

DR. KISSINGER, WHO IS EXPECTED TO DRIVE OVER TO THE ALPINE SPA FROM SALZBURG, WHERE HE WILL BE STAYING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON, WAS PUBLICLY CRITICAL OF EUROPEAN PLANS TO STEP UP ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH ARAB STATES WHEN THEY WERE FIRST ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 4.

THE TRANSATLANTIC ROW THAT FOLLOWED, WITH PRESIDENT NIXON COMPLAINING OF FREQUENT EUROPEAN FAILURES TO CONSULT THE UNITED STATES, HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO SUBSIDE AND WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS NOW TALK OF A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION.

POLITICAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE MR. GENSCHER WILL SEEK TO

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DAMPEN DOWN ANY FEARS DR. KISSINGER MAY STILL HAVE ABOUT
INDEPENDENT WEST EUROPEAN MOVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND
REASSURE HIM THAT THEY WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH WASHINGTON'S
DELICATE DIPLOMACY IN THE AREA.

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